Origin of Some Famous Songs.

From the New York Graphic.
"The Old Folks at Home" was written by Foster, who received \$15,000 for it in the way of copy right and sales.

"America," was written by Rev Samuel Francis Smith in 1832, and | ing and graphic sketch to a Denwas first sung in Boston on the Fourth of July of that year.

"Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," was written by Thomas a'Becket, an English actor, who, in 1879, was a teacher of music at form, about forty paces in diame-Philadelphia.

is Lying in the Grave," is of Meth- juniper and pine boughs. In the odist camp meeting origin. It center was a conical pile of dry was adapted to its present use by wood, about fifteen feet high, an organist in Harvard Church in which was to make the great cen-

because the purchaser of a friend's estate wanted to cut down a tree which his grandfather had plant | hundred men, women and children, ed. His friend paid the buyer gathered here from the various \$10 to save it. Morris was touched by the story and wrote the song.

For "Kathleen Mayourneen," Couch, the author, received \$25 for its production, and afterward stone front out of its sales.

"The Star-Spaugled Banner." was written by Francis Scott Key, of Fort Henry, in 1814. The song was printed in the Baltimore American eight days after the bat tle, under the title of "The Defense of Fort McHenry."

"Home, Sweet Home," was written for an opera by John Howard Payne. It was first sung in the Covent Garden Theater at London, and made a big hit. One hundred thousand copies were sold the first year, and by the end of the \$10,000 from it.

Joseph Hopkinson, in the summer his comrades. As each brand disof 1798, and it was first called the appeared over the fence, some of "President's March." It was al- the spectators blew into their ways sung when Washington hands and made a motion as if came into the theater, and one of tossing some substance after the the objects of its writing was the departing flame. When the fagpublic.

Panishing a Slanderer. Thirty-nine lashes and the sign substance of supposed medicinal ing of an affidavit that he was a malicious liar, is the penalty which G. W. Murphy, of Americus, Ga., has just paid for slander ous remarks concerning a respectable lady. On January 8th Murphy told a slanderous tale to several companions, which was subsequently conveyed to the friends of the lady, whose reputation was at stake. They promptly held a council of war, and deci led to hold Murphy to account. He was first taken to the office of Clerk Pillsbury, of the Superior Court, where he affixed his signature to a card stating that what he had said was "a base and malicious falsehood." He was then taken to a secluded spot, where, his shoulders being stripped, a cowhide was used to such effect as to draw yells of pain from the wretch. When fifteen lashes had been administered he begged and pleaded for remission of the balance, but it was not until the entire thirtynine had been given that he was tarned loose with the admonition to get out of the way. The parties alleged to have administered the chastisement are very secretive, but one of them was heard to say, exultingly: "Cohen did the cowhiding like a veteran."-St. Louis Globe-Democrat. held conveniently in the hand, the

A new and novel method of dealing with the liquor question is proposed by a member of the Minnesota Legislature, who has introone by one they all departed, and duced a bill, which makes it a criminal offence to sell liquor to picked up the fascicles of the fall any one addicted to using intoxicating liquors, who is not licensed to purchase it. The bill makes it a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, to sell intoxicating liquors to any person, who drinks to excess, unless he presents a license authorizing him to drink the liquor which he desires to purchase. The advocates of this measure think it is the most practical method yet devised for the suppression of drunkeness. -Exchange.

the Mormons at Nephi, Utah, con- dances by other Indian tribes, but cealed the children as follows:"I nothing quite comparable to this. There's men around asking the unique. Demons scourging lost children how many wives their souls with the eternal fire could fathers have. If they ask you tell scarcely be pictured to look more them you don't know. I'd rather awful."

you tell them a he to defend your friends and parents than tell the truth that will bring trouble npon them."

FIRE-PROOF INDIANS.

Among the Southern Redskins. Mr. John B. Sweet, who has recently been traveling in New Mexico and Arizona, gave an interestver Tribune reporter of the "Hashkawn Dance," which he witnessed at one of the Navajo agencies: "It took place in a large corral, or inclosure, of an irregular circular

ter. Its fence, about eight feet The tune of "John Brown's Body high, was constructed of fresh tral fire. Around this, a few feet "Woodman Spare that Tree," from the fence, a dozen smaller was written by George P. Morris, fires were burning for the comfort and convenience of the spectators, who numbered about five parts of the Navajo country. The fire dance was the most picturesque and startling of all. Sometime before the dancers entered,

I heard strange sounds, mingled became a begging tramp, while his with the blowing of the buffalo publisher could have built a brown- horn. The sounds were much like the call of the sandhill crane, and may, perhaps, be properly called 'trumpeting,' and they were made while watching the bombardment by the dancers constantly during the exercises. The noises continued to grow louder and come nearer, until we heard them at the opening in the east, and in a moment after, men having no more clothing on than a breechclout, entered. Every man bore a long, thick bundle of shredded cedar bark in each hand, except the leader, who carried four smaller fagots of the same material. Four times they all danced round the second its publishers had cleared fire, waving their bundles of bark toward the flame; then they halted "Maryland, My Maryland," was in the east; the leader advanced written by James R. Randall, of toward the central fire, lit one of Washington City, who is a mod his little fagots, and trumpeting est-looking, dark complexioned loudly, threw it over the fence of man of forty. He was very young the corral in the east. He perwhen he wrote that beautiful formed a similar act at the south, poem. His ideas are broader the west, and the north, but before the northern brand was "Hail Columbia," was written by thrown, he lit with it the fagots of

caltivation of a patriotic spirit ots were all lit the whole band be among the people of the new Re- gan a wild race around the fire. At first they kept close together and spat upon one another some virtue. Soon they scattered and ran, apparently without concert, the rapid racing causing the brands to throw out long brilliant streamers of flame over the naked hands and arms of the dancers. They then proceeded to apply the the brands to their own nude bodies, and the bodies of their comrades in front of them-no man ever once turning around. At times the dancer struck the victim vigorous blows with his flaming wand; again he seized the flame as it were a sponge, and, creeping close to the one pursued, rubbed the back of the latter for several The Colossal Exhibit moments, as if he was bathing him In the meantime the suffer er would catch up with some one in front of him and, in turn, bathe him in flame. At times when a dancer found no one in front of him, he proceeded to 'sponge' his 90 Acres of Space Under Cover own back, and might keep this up while making two or three circuits around the fire, or until he over took some one else. At each application of the blaze the loud trumpeting was heard, and it often seemed as if a flock of a hundred cranes were winging their way overhead southward through the darkness. If a brand became ex tinguished it was lit again in the central fire; but when it was so far consumed as to be no longer

> flames as a charm against the evil effects of fire." "Were they not blistered?"

dancer dropped it and rushed

trumpeting out of the corral. Thus

spectators stepped into the arena,

ing fragments of bark, lit them,

and bathed their hands in the

asked the reporter. "They were not hurt in the least," was the answer. "I believe they were protected by a coating of earth or clay paint. That, however, did not make the effect any less strange. I have beheld many fire scenes on the stage, many acts of fire-eating and fire-handling by Apostle Teardle, in an address to civilized jugglers, and many firewant to caution the children. The scenic accessories were

An official at the Tombs in New York, says Scotland Yard detectives have been in the prison, and the features of the dynamiter Short, who stabbed Phelan, have been examined with a view to iden-Picturesque Acts of Legerdemain tifying him as being one of the principles in the outrages in Ireland. It is even said Short was engaged in the Phœnix Park murder. It is said to be certain the British Government has evidence proving his connection with crimes in Ireland before he fled to this country, and that an attempt will be made to secure evidence for the purpose of having him extradited.

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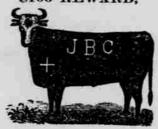
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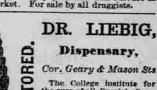
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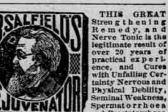
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